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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday February 21, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Webex Event

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Edward A. Chow, MD

Excused: Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D , Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023 MEETING

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the January 17,2023 meeting minutes.

3) PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE NATIONAL HIV BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE, JUNE -DECEMBER 2022 SURVEY.

Dr. Erin Wilson and Moranda Tate, Center for Public Health Research, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow thanked Dr. for the important data and commented that it is disturbing that people are intentionally using Fentanyl. Dr. Wilson stated that participants stated that they started using Fentanyl because it was already added to other drugs they were using.

Commissioner Chung asked if there are any known reasons for the increase in HIV in cisgender women and the Black and African American population. Dr. Wilson stated that the focus of HIV prevention on men who have sex with men, leaving out other cohorts from prevention and education efforts. Many participants noted that there were offered HIV testing when they sought treatment or accessed medical care.

Commissioner Chung noted that if lack of focus of prevention efforts leads to increases in HIV rates, then the general Asian and transgender men cohorts may be the next wave.

Commissioner Chung stated that many people who participated are transient. She is curious how many participants were new to San Francisco; this may relate to who had been exposed to local HIV prevention efforts. Dr. Wilson stated that the median time of living in San Francisco was 20 years for participants.

Commissioner Chung asked if participants were asked if they are sexually active. Dr. Wilson stated that most seemed to indicate being sexually active and also sharing needles and equipment; many participants are good candidates for PrEP.

4) WHOLE PERSON INTEGRATED CARE: INTERSECTIONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Dara Papo, LCSW, Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung expressed tremendous appreciation for the nurses in these programs, noting that she knows they are key to the successful provision of care.

Commissioner Chow requested goals and metrics in future updates so the Commission can monitor the activities. Ms. Papo stated that goals, metrics, and projected outcomes will be the focus of the next update. Some proposed metrics will be reduction of hospitalization rates, changes in alcohol use, reductions in other emergency services. Regarding drop-in programs, they are working to identify if there is a panel of individuals they may want to track since for some people, drop-in programs are their medical home.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.